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POLLUTION BY SLAUGHTER HOUSES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of slaughter houses in the country neither comply with Pollution Control Rules or Toxicity levels as per PFA;

(b) if so, whether Animal Rights International have been making representation for compliance since long and directions of the Ministry remains ignored by CPCB;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of measures proposed to give counselling and enforcing Pollution Rules and Toxicity in such slaughter houses alongwith action taken/to be taken against the erring slaughter houses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Slaughter houses are mainly water polluting units and also cause nuisance by way of foul smell due to improper handling. Many slaughter houses, operated by local bodies, do not take adequate pollution control measures.

(b)to(d) Representations have been received from the Animal Rights International. To control pollution from slaughter houses, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has initiated various measures which inter-alia include:

- Publication of comprehensive document on pollution control requirements in slaughter houses;

- Organising workshops with Municipal Bodies and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) for implementation of required measures;

- Directions to the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) to take action against defaulting slaughter houses for violation of pollution control norms.